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Broiler Hatchery



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This report contains the results from the **Weekly Broiler Hatchery Survey**. Thanks to all who responded.

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down 2 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 220 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 17, 2020, down 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.2 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 31.2 million eggs during the week ending October 17, 2020, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 32.8 million eggs during the same week, down 3 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 182 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 17, 2020, down 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through October 17, 2020 for the United States were 7.79 billion. Cumulative placements were down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 23.8 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 17, 2020, unchanged from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 26.2 million chicks, down 4 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2020

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year
	September 12, 2020	September 19, 2020	September 26, 2020	October 3, 2020	October 10, 2020	October 17, 2020	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
Alabama	32,241	31,581	32,262	31,059	31,870	31,230	101
Florida	1,163	1,163	1,163	1,209	1,209	1,209	104
Georgia	33,574	32,265	33,857	32,427	32,973	32,839	97
South Carolina....	5,754	5,774	5,631	5,339	5,389	5,605	98
United States	225,389	220,448	226,011	219,273	223,563	219,924	98

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, [Broiler Hatchery](#), October 21, 2020

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Alabama	24,287	24,781	23,215	23,792	22,722	23,839	100
Florida	1,304	1,299	1,282	1,279	1,219	1,305	99
Georgia	26,217	25,808	25,765	26,170	25,324	26,195	96
South Carolina....	5,752	5,202	4,702	5,191	5,139	5,113	101
United States	186,897	186,262	181,385	181,257	177,227	181,562	99

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Alabama	32,241	31,581	32,262	31,059	31,870	31,230
Arkansas	22,272	22,832	23,256	23,243	21,708	21,959
Delaware	4,796	4,015	4,015	4,264	4,264	4,264
Florida	1,163	1,163	1,163	1,209	1,209	1,209
Georgia	33,574	32,265	33,857	32,427	32,973	32,839
Kentucky	6,698	7,112	7,372	7,710	7,025	7,021
Louisiana	3,067	3,409	3,288	3,288	3,288	3,133
Maryland	7,111	7,638	7,901	7,631	7,635	7,640
Mississippi	16,325	15,968	16,812	15,568	16,319	15,815
Missouri	8,825	8,029	8,299	8,521	8,938	8,072
North Carolina	22,965	22,856	23,829	22,339	22,514	22,056
Oklahoma	7,325	6,523	6,682	6,331	6,451	6,215
Pennsylvania	6,326	6,339	6,222	6,091	6,305	6,311
South Carolina	5,754	5,774	5,631	5,339	5,389	5,605
Texas	16,820	16,589	16,434	16,039	16,601	16,711
Virginia	6,021	5,847	6,320	5,601	6,320	6,205
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,772	11,408	12,341	12,015	13,117	12,204
Other States	11,334	11,100	10,327	10,598	11,637	11,435
United States	225,389	220,448	226,011	219,273	223,563	219,924
Percent of previous year	101	97	100	100	102	98

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Alabama	24,287	24,781	23,215	23,792	22,722	23,839
Arkansas	21,545	21,893	20,954	20,857	21,643	20,978
Delaware	5,010	4,213	5,427	4,170	5,120	4,933
Florida	1,304	1,299	1,282	1,279	1,219	1,305
Georgia	26,217	25,808	25,765	26,170	25,324	26,195
Kentucky	5,880	6,239	6,832	5,298	6,040	5,825
Louisiana	2,933	2,958	2,961	2,782	3,081	2,950
Maryland	5,311	5,779	4,944	5,539	4,197	4,920
Mississippi	14,406	14,153	13,659	13,919	13,587	14,271
Missouri	5,641	6,310	5,873	6,454	5,404	5,371
North Carolina	19,508	19,394	18,408	18,208	18,517	19,132
Oklahoma	4,896	4,335	4,493	3,781	3,111	4,242
Pennsylvania	4,839	4,825	4,825	4,802	4,775	4,681
South Carolina	5,752	5,202	4,702	5,191	5,139	5,113
Texas	14,471	13,863	13,365	13,675	13,389	13,590
Virginia	5,651	5,359	5,668	5,229	5,422	6,019
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,908	11,382	10,598	11,374	9,963	10,008
Other States	8,338	8,469	8,414	8,737	8,574	8,190
United States	186,897	186,262	181,385	181,257	177,227	181,562
Percent of previous year	100	100	99	101	97	99

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